



M. Jodi Rell

GOVERNOR

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

January 4, 2010

The Honorable Raymond E. Mabus, Jr.
Secretary of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington D.C. 20350-1000

Dear Secretary Mabus,

We are pleased with the military construction projects in progress and planned for the Naval Submarine Base New London over the next decade. As you know, the State of Connecticut was the first state in the nation to take unprecedented action by fully funding two construction projects for the Navy to enhance the military value of the submarine base in Groton.

When the State made this \$7.65 million investment in September 2009, you said, "I would absolutely encourage other states to look at doing things like this, to approach it as a partnership, as a two-way street. And I think it helps ensure from the state level that facilities remain open, that their citizens have jobs and that those jobs are going to continue."

It is in this spirit of partnership that I ask for your help in creating and retaining jobs in Connecticut as we face unprecedented fiscal challenges. For those projects that are fully funded by Connecticut taxpayers, I request the Navy give special consideration to contracting with competitive and qualified engineering and construction firms that are based in Connecticut and utilize subcontractors from our state. In this way the Navy will benefit from Connecticut's financing and the taxpayers of our state will see jobs created and retained in our state.

As you know, when this gift was made to the Navy, this was not and is not intended to be a condition of the Navy's acceptance. In the case of projects funded with federal dollars, I know giving preference to a particular state would be inappropriate. However, as these projects are fully funded by the State of Connecticut, I think it would be mutually beneficial to this partnership if the Navy selected competitive and qualified Connecticut based firms.

I am particularly proud that the State of Connecticut was the first in the nation to take such a bold step in creating this extraordinary partnership with the Navy. Since this is an unprecedented relationship, I trust we can give this matter thoughtful consideration acting in good faith with the citizens of Connecticut who made this historic investment at a time of great economic challenges in their communities.

I hope to see you again soon the next time you visit the Submarine Capitol of the World in Groton, Connecticut.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "M. Jodi Rell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

M. Jodi Rell
Governor

Cc: United States Senators Dodd and Lieberman
United States Representatives Larson, Courtney, Delauro, Himes, Murphy
Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, VA
Commander, Navy Installations Command, Washington, D.C.
Commander, Navy Region Mid Atlantic, Norfolk, VA
Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine Base New London
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